

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 13-70 have been cancelled and claims 1-4 have been voluntarily amended for clarification only. This amendment does not narrow the scope of the claim, nor is it being made for reasons of patentability.

New claims 72-113 (directly or indirectly dependent from claim 1) have been added. Applicant submits that the new claims 72-113 belong to Group I and do not include a new species. For example, applicant asserts that new claims 73-79 generally correspond to original (cancelled) claim 27 and its dependent claims, and new claims 80-113 generally correspond to original (cancelled) claim 37 and its dependent claims.

Thus, claims 1-12 and 71-113 are pending in the application.

Response to restriction requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner contended that the Application contains claims directed to Group I drawn to methods of determining gastro-intestinal disorders, and Group II, drawn to methods of determining gastro-intestinal disorders.

Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-5 and 71 of Group I drawn to methods of determining gastro-intestinal disorders as well as new claims 72-113 which also belong to Group I.

Claims 13-70 of Group II, drawn to methods of determining gastro-intestinal disorders, have been cancelled at this time.

Applicant expressly reserves all rights in the cancelled claims, claims 13-70, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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